

## Early Care & Learning Cross Systems Task Force

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## Relationships Matter

Children benefit from the care and teaching of parents, families and other adults who have the knowledge and skills necessary to facilitate & support their development

- Relationships are essential between families and their community, and
- Strong relationships among community agencies are essential for a comprehensive coordinated system of service delivery; they may include early intervention, child protection, law enforcement, judicial systems, child care, education, health, insurance, faith based institutions, and recreational programs, and
- These relationships provide structure to protect children from harm, and to provide opportunities for them to reach their potential and live satisfying childhoods.

## **Quality Matters**

Children benefit when every Idaho family has access to affordable, high quality early care & learning opportunities.

- Professionals are accountable to the children, families and communities they serve, and
- Goals that are developmentally and educationally significant direct the design and implementation of quality programs that support children as members of families, cultures and communities, and
- An effective system of curriculum, assessment, and program evaluation rests on a strong foundation of evidence and supports children of a abilities and differences.

## **Resources Matter**

Children benefit when Idaho has a comprehensive, coordinated early care and learning service delivery system to improve their opportunities to learn and grow into competent adults

- Political will is developed to prioritize the importance early care and learning, and
- Collaboration and sharing of resources will provide efficiencies in the cost of delivering services.

"If you seek the promise of a bright future, look into the eyes of a child" ~Governor Dirk Kempthorne